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EPM LETTER NO. 530-192.

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Supersedes EPM Letters 530-186 through 530-191

SUBJECT: Adjustment of Special Minimum Rates and Rate Ranges

Established Under 5 U.S.C. 5303 to Reflect General Pay Increase

Heads of Departments and Independent Establishments:

- Under authority of 5 U.S.C. 5303(e), which requires a determination on how the salary rates of employees covered by special rate schedules shall be adjusted at the time of a general pay increase, the Commission has decided that the pay of such employees shall be increased by an amount fully equivalent to the general pay increase for General Schedule employees authorized by Executive Order 11813. This decision is being implemented by the special schedules attached to this letter, and the higher pay rates are effective the same date as the general pay increase.
- The pay of employees on the rolls and covered by special rates will be converted to the new special rate ranges in accordance with section 530.307 (b) of the Commission's regulations. The applicable part of the section reads as follows:

"(b) When an employee was receiving a special rate immediately before the effective date of a statutory pay increase, he shall receive on that effective date the rate of basic pay for: (1) The numerical rank in the new special rate range for his grade or level that corresponds with the numerical rank of the special rate he was receiving immediately before that effective date;"

To illustrate the effect of 530.307(b), the rate of adjustment for Veterinarian GS-701-9 is used: An employee in the third step rate of the GS-9 special rate range immediately before the effective date will remain in the third step of the new special rate range on the effective date, and his salary will be increased from \$15,96 to \$16,176 as of the first pay period that begins on or after October 2, 1975.

- The pay of employees who are receiving a "fixed rate" as a result of a special rate range having been established previously (but not discontinued) will be adjusted in accordance with the provisions of section 530.303(e).

INQUIRIES: Advisory Services Office, Executive Policies and Standards,

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of the Commission's regulations. This means that the pay for these employees will be adjusted by the amount of increase granted to the tenth rate of the special rate range rather than the regular range.

To illustrate, the rate of adjustment for GS-3 Licensed Practical Nurse (New York SMSA) is used: An employee receiving a saved rate would have his pay increased by \$554, the amount of increase for the tenth step of the GS-3 special rate range in this FPM Letter.

4. An additional FPM Letter will be published as soon as the annual review of special salary rates has been completed to further adjust many of the special schedules in this FPM Letter. This means that some authorizations could be reduced or cancelled as the result of the annual review, and, for others, while a special rate will continue to apply, certain grade levels previously covered may revert to the regular schedule.

5. (a) Clarification of FPM Letter No. 530-191. Under FPM Letter No. 530-191, special salary rates for grades GS-5 and GS-7 were cancelled for the GS-510, GS-512, and GS-343 series, effective October 12, 1975. This cancellation date was intended to be the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after October 1, 1975, which is October 12 for the great majority of employees. For employees whose pay period begins on an earlier date in October, however, such as October 5, the cancellation is effective on that earlier date.

(b) In processing the cancellation of the special salary rates and the conversion to the new General Schedule pay rates, agencies should ensure that these actions are processed in the proper order. First, the special salary rate is to be cancelled and the employee converted to the regular rate range in accordance with attachment 1 to FPM Letter No. 530-191. Then, the employee is to be converted to the new General Schedule pay rates in accordance with FPM Letter No. 531-48.

6. Agencies are cautioned not to use the rates set forth in the attachments to this FPM Letter when making commitments for future actions such as, appointments or promotions.

7. Any downward adjustments in rates, however, would be adjustments to the special schedules only. Employees on the rolls will retain their existing rates of pay including the amount of the general pay increase.

By direction of the Commission:

Raymond Jacobson
Raymond Jacobson
Executive Director

Attachments

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1. This attachment contains the basic salary rate information for each occupation and grade level for which special rates are currently authorized.
2. The columns on the pages that follow identify:
 - a. Specific occupational series coverage by series code and title;
 - b. The geographic coverage;
 - c. Grade or grade levels covered;
 - d. The special minimum rate, identified as "1st Step Rate";
 - e. The special maximum rate, identified as "10th Step Rate";
 - f. The amount of the within-grade increase;
3. Effective date (the actual effective date will be the first day of the first pay period which begins on or after the date shown).

3. The full range of special rates for each grade can be prepared by successively adding the amount of the within-grade increase, as shown for each grade, beginning with the special minimum rate, to produce a rate for each step up to the special maximum rate. To illustrate, the Medical Officer, GS-602-11 is used:

(The special minimum (i.e., 1st step rate) is \$21,133, the maximum (i.e., 10th step rate) is \$26,011 and the amount of the within-grade increase is \$542 a year.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
\$21,133	\$21,675	\$22,217	\$22,759	\$23,301	\$23,843	\$24,385	\$24,927	\$25,649	\$26,011

This procedure is to be followed in preparing a full schedule of special rates for each occupation and grade level listed in Attachment 1. As an aid to preparing the various schedules, Attachment 2 contains a comprehensive table which shows the correct dollar amount for each possible step for each GS grade which may be used in the various special schedules. By locating the special minimum rate and special maximum rate on these tables, the full range of authorized rate is readily identified.

*Where cited, SMSA means the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the Office of Management and Budget.

Note: (Table numbers are provided for use by agencies in data processing systems.)

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GS-000 Miscellaneous Occupations

OCCUPATIONAL SERIES COVERAGE	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE	GRADE	1ST STEP RATE	10TH STEP RATE	WITHIN GRADE INCREASE	EFFECTIVE DATE
GS-081 Fire Protection and Prevention Series Table No. 011	Clear Air Force Base, Alaska	GS-4 GS-5 GS-6 GS-7	\$9,838 10,713 11,274 11,782	\$12,232 13,395 14,262 15,094	\$266 298 332 368	October 1, 1975
GS-083 Airport Police Table No. 012	Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport, Washington, D.C.	GS-4 GS-5	\$ 9,572 10,415	\$11,966 13,097	\$266 298	October 1, 1975
GS-084 Policeman	Hines, Illinois	GS-4 GS-5	\$ 8,774 9,521	\$11,168 12,203	\$266 298	October 1, 1975

GS-600 Medical, Hospital, Dental and Public Health Group

GS-602 Medical Officer Series Table No. 290	Worldwide *NOTE: Maximum rate may not exceed \$37,800 a year	GS-11 GS-12 GS-13 GS-14 GS-15	\$21,133 25,200 29,782 33,126 35,485	\$26,011 31,014 36,658 41,181 44,881	\$542 646 764 895 1,044	October 1, 1975
GS-610 Nurse Series Table No. 300	Galveston, Texas	GS-4	\$ 8,508	\$10,902	\$266	October 1, 1975

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OCCUPATIONAL SERIES COVERAGE	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE	GRADE	1ST STEP RATE	10TH STEP RATE	WITHIN GRADE INCREASE	EFFECTIVE DATE
GS-610 Nurse Series Table No. 352	San Francisco, California SMSA	GS-4 GS-5 GS-7 GS-8 GS-9	\$10,370 11,607 12,150 13,030 13,931	\$12,764 14,289 15,462 16,699 17,972	\$266 298 368 407 449	October 1, 1975
GS-610 Nurse Series Table No. 292	Baltimore, Maryland SMSA	GS-4 GS-5	\$ 8,774 9,223	\$11,168 11,905	\$266 298	October 1, 1975
GS-610 Nurse Series Table No. 305	Boston, Massachusetts SMSA	GS-4 GS-5	\$ 9,306 10,117	\$11,700 12,799	\$266 298	October 1, 1975
GS-610 Nurse Series Table No. 304	Washington, D.C. SMSA including the D.C. Government's Children's Center, Laurel, Maryland and the U.S. Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va.	GS-4 GS-5	\$ 9,572 10,415	\$11,966 13,097	\$266 298	October 1, 1975

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OCCUPATIONAL SERIES COVERAGE	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE	GRADE	1ST STEP RATE	10TH STEP RATE	WITHIN GRADE INCREASE	EFFECTIVE DATE
GS-610 Nurse Series GS-615 Public Health Nurse Series Table No. 100	New York City, New York	GS-4 GS-5 GS-6 GS-7 GS-8 GS-9	\$10,370 11,607 11,938 12,518 13,036 13,931	\$12,764 14,289 14,926 15,830 16,699 17,972	\$265 298 332 368 407 449	October 1, 1975
GS-610 Nurse Series Table No. 100	Long Beach, California plus a 15-mile radius	GS-5	\$10,117	\$12,799	\$298	October 1, 1975
GS-621 Licensed Practical Nurse Table No. 101	New York, New York SMSA and Nassau - Suffolk, New York SMSA	GS-3 GS-4 GS-5 GS-6	\$ 9,235 9,838 10,415 10,942	\$11,368 12,232 13,097 13,930	\$237 266 298 332	October 1, 1975
GS-621 Licensed Practical Nurse Table No. 101	Cook County, Illinois (including the city of Chicago)	GS-3 GS-4	\$ 7,813 8,508	\$ 9,946 10,902	\$237 266	October 1, 1975
GS-621 Licensed Practical Nurse Table No. 101	West Haven, Connecticut	GS-3 GS-4	\$ 8,050 8,508	\$10,183 10,902	\$237 266	October 1, 1975

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OCCUPATIONAL SERIES COVERAGE	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE	GRADE	1ST STEP RATE	10TH STEP RATE	WITHIN GRADE INCREASE	EFFECTIVE DATE
GS-621 Licensed Practical Nurse Table No. 343	Boston, Massachusetts SMSA	GS-3 GS-4 GS-5	\$ 8,287 8,774 9,223	\$10,420 11,168 11,905	\$237 266 298	October 1, 1975
GS-621 Licensed Practical Nurse Table No. 347	Ann Arbor, Michigan	GS-3 GS-4 GS-5	\$ 8,524 9,040 9,521	\$10,657 11,434 12,203	\$237 266 298	October 1, 1975
GS-621 Licensed Practical Nurse Table No. 356	Allen Park, Michigan	GS-3 GS-4 GS-5	\$ 8,524 9,040 9,521	\$10,657 11,434 12,203	\$237 266 298	October 1, 1975
GS-631 Occupational Therapist GS-633 Physical Therapist Table No. 358	New York City and Suffolk County, New York	GS-6 GS-7 GS-8 GS-9 GS-10	\$12,602 13,622 14,257 14,829 15,318	\$15,590 16,934 17,920 18,870 19,764	\$332 368 407 448 494	October 1, 1975
GS-633 Physical Therapist Table No. 358	Allen Park, Michigan	GS-5 GS-7	\$10,713 11,414	\$13,395 14,726	\$298 368	October 1, 1975
GS-644 Medical Technologist Series Table No. 358	Washington, D.C. SMSA	GS-5	\$10,117	\$12,799	\$298	October 1, 1975

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OCCUPATIONAL SERIES COVERAGE	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE	GRADE	1ST STEP RATE	10TH STEP RATE	WITHIN GRADE INCREASE	EFFECTIVE DATE
GS-644 Medical Technologist Series Table No. 316	Ann Arbor, Michigan SMSA	GS-5	\$ 9,223	\$11,905	\$298	October 1, 1975
GS-644 Medical Technologist Series Table No. 314	Milwaukee (Wood), Wisconsin	GS-5	\$ 9,521	\$12,203	\$298	October 1, 1975
GS-644 Medical Technologist Series Table No. 313	San Francisco - Oakland and San Jose, California SMSAs	GS-7 GS-8 GS-9	\$13,254 13,850 14,380	\$16,556 17,513 18,421	\$368 407 449	October 1, 1975
GS-644 Medical Technologist Series Table No. 34	Indianapolis, Indiana	GS-5	\$ 9,223	\$11,905	\$298	October 1, 1975
GS-644 Medical Technologist Series Table No. 33	New York City, New York	GS-5 GS-7	\$10,713 11,782	\$13,395 15,094	\$298 368	October 1, 1975
GS-644 Medical Technologist Series Table No. 153	Detroit, Michigan SMSA	GS-5 GS-7	\$10,435 11,414	\$13,497 14,726	\$298 368	October 1, 1975

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OCCUPATIONAL SERIES COVERAGE	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE	GRADE	1ST STEP RATE	10TH STEP RATE	WITHIN GRADE INCREASE	EFFECTIVE DATE
GS-647 Medical Radiology Technician Series Table No. 320	New York City and Suffolk County, New York	GS-4 GS-5 GS-6 GS-7	\$10,304 10,713 11,606 12,518	\$11,498 11,395 11,594 11,830	\$266 293 332 368	October 1, 1975
GS-647 Medical Radiology Technician Series Table No. 340	Los Angeles - Long Beach, California	GS-4	\$ 8,508	\$10,902	\$266	October 1, 1975
GS-647 Medical Radiology Technician Series Table No. 341	Cook Co., Illinois (including the city of Chicago)	GS-4 GS-5	\$ 8,508 9,223	\$10,902 11,305	\$266 293	October 1, 1975
GS-647 Medical Radiology Technician Series Table No. 355	Boston, Massachusetts	GS-4 GS-5 GS-6	\$ 9,306 9,819 10,278	\$11,700 11,501 11,266	\$266 293 332	October 1, 1975
GS-648 Inhalation Therapy Technician Table No. 344	New York City, New York SMSA, Nassau - Suffolk, New York SMSA	GS-4 GS-5 GS-6 GS-7	\$ 9,306 10,117 10,942 11,414	\$11,700 12,799 13,930 14,726	\$266 293 332 368	October 1, 1975
GS-682 Dental Hygienist Series Table No. 327	Norfolk and Newport-News-Hampton, Virginia SMSAs	GS-4 GS-5	\$ 8,242 9,223	\$10,636 11,905	\$266 293	October 1, 1975

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OCCUPATIONAL SERIES COVERAGE	GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE	GRADE	1ST STEP RATE	10TH STEP RATE	WITHIN GRADE INCREASE	EFFECTIVE DATE
GS-600 Dental Hygienist Series Table No. 303	States of California and Nevada	GS-4 GS-5	\$ 8,242 9,223	\$10,636 11,905	\$266 298	October 1, 1975
GS-602 Dental Hygienist Series Table No. 347	Columbia, Missouri	GS-4 GS-5	\$ 8,774 9,521	\$11,168 12,203	\$266 298	October 1, 1975
GS-603 Dental Hygienist Series Table No. 350	Knoxville, Iowa	GS-5	\$10,713	\$11,395	\$298	October 1, 1975

Other Miscellaneous Occupations

GS-701 Veterinarian Series Table No. 409	Worldwide	GS-9	\$15,278	\$19,319	\$449	October 1, 1975
GS-702 Professional Series in the Engineering and Architectural Group (except Electrical Engineer, see below) Table No. 404	Nationwide	GS-5 GS-7	\$11,607 12,518	\$14,289 15,830	\$298 368	October 1, 1975

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GS-830 Mechanical Engineer (Class: Special rates pertaining to Mechanical Engineers engaged in motor vehicle emission control mobile source compliance program and mobile source standards program.) Table No. 412	An Arbor, Michigan SMSA	GS-7	\$12,150	\$13,462	\$368	October 1, 1975
GS-1224 Patent Examining Series (Engineering Specializations and Table No. 412)	Washington, D.C.	GS-5 GS-7	\$11,011 11,782	\$13,693 15,094	\$298 368	October 1, 1975
GS-1311 Biological Science Technician (Limited to employees assigned to Biological Moni- toring and Control duties only) Table No. 412	Mare Island, Naval Shipyard, California	GS-5 GS-6 GS-7 GS-8	\$10,415 11,274 12,150 13,036	\$13,097 14,262 15,462 16,699	\$298 322 368 407	October 1, 1975
GS-1321 Meteorologist Table No. 412	Nationwide	GS-5 GS-7	\$13,607 12,518	\$14,289 15,830	\$298 368	October 1, 1975

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GS-1054 (Printing Management Series (Note: Eligibility for these special rates is limited to employees who have at least a Baccalaureate Degree with a major in Printing Management.) Table No. 725	Nationwide	GS-5 GS-7	\$13,011 11,782	\$13,693 15,094	\$298 368	October 1, 1975
GS-1051 (Sales Price Checker, Supervisory Sales Price Checker Table No. 920	Denver, Colorado	GS-3 GS-4	\$ 7,813 8,242	\$ 9,946 10,636	\$237 266	October 1, 1975

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GRADE	STATUTORY RANGE <i>(Effective the first day of the first pay period beginning on or after October 1, 1975)</i>												EXTENDED RANGE FOR SPECIAL RATES								Within- Grade in- crements	GRADE
	\$5,550	\$5,741	\$5,929	\$5,114	\$5,293	\$5,434	\$5,609	\$5,854	\$7,039	\$7,224	\$7,409	\$7,594	\$7,773	\$7,964	\$8,149	\$8,334	\$8,519	\$8,704	\$8,899			
GS-1	5,550	5,741	5,929	5,114	5,293	5,434	5,609	5,854	7,039	7,224	7,409	7,594	7,773	7,964	8,149	8,334	8,519	8,704	8,899	\$135	GS-1	
GS-2	6,203	6,500	6,716	6,936	7,136	7,346	7,556	7,766	7,976	8,186	8,396	8,606	8,816	9,026	9,236	9,446	9,656	9,866	10,076	216	GS-2	
GS-3	7,102	7,339	7,576	7,813	8,050	8,287	8,524	8,761	8,998	9,235	9,472	9,709	9,946	10,183	10,420	10,657	10,894	11,131	11,358	237	GS-3	
GS-4	7,571	8,242	8,569	8,774	9,040	9,306	9,572	9,838	10,104	10,370	10,636	10,902	11,168	11,434	11,700	11,966	12,232	12,493	12,764	266	GS-4	
GS-5	8,030	9,212	9,521	9,819	10,117	10,415	10,713	11,011	11,309	11,607	11,905	12,203	12,501	12,799	13,097	13,395	13,693	13,991	14,289	296	GS-5	
GS-6	8,371	10,574	10,812	11,274	11,608	11,938	12,270	12,692	12,934	13,266	13,593	13,933	14,263	14,594	14,926	15,244	15,569	15,892	16,222	332	GS-6	
GS-7	11,700	11,114	11,782	12,156	12,513	12,986	13,254	13,622	13,990	14,353	14,720	15,094	15,462	15,830	16,198	16,576	17,934	17,303	17,670	366	GS-7	
GS-8	12,221	12,629	13,036	13,443	13,850	14,257	14,664	15,071	15,478	15,885	16,292	16,699	17,106	17,513	17,920	18,327	18,734	19,141	19,548	407	GS-8	
GS-9	13,777	13,931	14,350	14,829	15,273	15,727	16,176	16,625	17,074	17,523	17,972	18,421	18,870	19,319	19,768	20,217	20,686	21,115	21,564	449	GS-9	
GS-10	14,311	15,318	15,812	16,366	16,800	17,294	17,788	18,282	18,776	19,270	19,764	20,258	20,752	21,246	21,740	22,234	22,728	23,222	23,716	484	GS-10	
GS-11	15,111	16,797	17,530	17,881	18,423	18,965	19,507	20,049	20,591	21,133	21,675	22,217	22,759	23,301	23,843	24,385	24,927	25,619	26,011	542	GS-11	
GS-12	15,111	17,032	20,675	21,374	21,970	22,616	23,262	23,908	24,554	25,200	25,816	26,192	27,138	27,784	28,139	29,076	29,722	30,375	31,014	641	GS-12	
GS-13	22,711	23,670	24,434	25,156	25,962	26,726	27,490	28,254	29,018	29,782	30,545	31,310	32,074	32,838	33,602	34,365	35,130	35,904	36,658	764	GS-13	
GS-14	26,111	27,155	28,631	29,541	31,336	32,231	33,126	34,021	34,916	35,811	36,706	37,601	38,496	39,391	40,286	41,181	42,076	42,971	43,895	845	GS-14	
GS-15	31,111	32,701	33,351	34,441	35,485	36,529	37,573	38,617	39,661	40,705	41,749	42,793	43,837	44,881	45,285	46,939	48,013	48,654	49,051	1044	GS-15	

* Data not available - received the rate for Executive Level V. As of October 1975, Executive Level V rate was \$37,710.
** Data not available - received the regular rate for GS-10.